



ABSTRACTS FROM UFO-NYT 1984, NO. 4

The following abstracts of original Danish articles in UFO-NYT are provided to our foreign readers in accordance with the aim of the International Committee for UFO Research (ICUR).

Erling Jensen: UFO Classic - Los Angeles, 1942, p. 4-9

Based on a number of original sources (news clippings, official documents etc.) the now famous World War II incident from Los Angeles is described and evaluated. The case was not only then but also now confusing with many statements and counter-statements.

In 1942 one or more phenomena seemingly were observed by civilians in the LA area. And because of the war atmosphere alarm was given and the army used search lights and fired about 1430 rounds against the supposed "unidentified aircrafts". No clear evidence of unidentified objects above Los Angeles have ever appeared and if there were any objects it is surprising that no single shot did hit some of these - none was found crashed.

The article concludes that if there in fact were some objects above LA, it could not have been any conventional objects. Therefor they could be called unidentified flying objects.

The weakness of the case is without doubt that though many sources exist there is a clear lack of seriously investigated sighting reports.

Ole J. Knudsen: Spaceship over Denmark, p. 25, 27

For the first time ever it has been possible to identify a UFO above Denmark as a spaceship! Unfortunately it was the US space shuttle Columbia which for the first time could be seen in the sky from Denmark.

Kim Møller Hansen: Identified, p. 27

Two cases, one from Mo, Norway (described in UFO-NYT 1983/2) and the other from Germany (in UFO-NYT 1984/2), now seem to be identified as a balloon and a helicopter.

Benny Gade: SUFOI in the air, p. 28-29

In a direct radio broadcast from the local station "Radio Århus" three representatives of SUFOI had the opportunity to inform the public about the work of SUFOI. The participants were Ole J. Knudsen, Flemming Rasmussen and Benny Gade.

Kim Møller Hansen: New data from Hessdalen, p. 32-35

Based on new data from the Norwegian sighting area Hessdalen some interesting theories are discussed. The data have been collected by the use of a meteorological station run by the NIVFO-group in the area during April 1984.

The meteorological data give evidence that

- 1) Temperatures in the valley can vary over a large range. Based on this information it is possible that plasma and inversion phenomena can be observed.
- 2) The speed and direction of wind also can vary very much. This too can give rise to inversion phenomena.

These two lines of explanation combined with the usual mistakes of natural phenomena such as planes and stars can account for many - but not all - of the sightings from Hessdalen states NIVFO.

The local population has very emotionally been critizising the NIVFO work. They want to hang on to the ETI-theory.

Reviews, p. 17-19, 47

The feature movie "The Right Stuff" is reviewed by Kim Møller Hansen. The movie is typical american but never the less thrilling.

Keith Basterfield: UFOs: The Image Hypothesis. Close Encounters of an Australian Kind. Reviewed by Kim Møller Hansen.
In thsi book on close encounters the known Australian investigator Keith Basterfield proposes the hypothesis that in the period between being awake and asleep the person could have a dream experience which the person believes to be true.

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